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The Royal Irish Constabulary control.

A.D. 1901.

BE it enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1. This Act may be cited as the Constabulary (Ireland) Act, 1901.

2. The Acts mentioned in the First Schedule hereto and other Acts extending or amending the same are hereby repealed, provided that the Lord Lieutenant by Order in Council may declare applicable to Ireland, with such adaptations as he shall think fit, such provisions therein as are not inconsistent with the control of the Royal Irish Constabulary as herein-after enacted.

Repeal of Irish Acts except such provisions as are declared applicable by Order in Council.

3.—(1.) From and after the first day of April one thousand nine hundred and two, herein-after referred to as "*the appointed day*," there shall be transferred in each county in Ireland to the control of a standing joint committee consisting of an equal number of justices for the county selected at a special meeting of the justices convened in such manner, at such place, and subject to such regulations as the Lord Lieutenant by Order in Council shall direct, and of members of the county council nominated by such council, the constabulary force being the portion of the Royal Irish Constabulary which shall on the appointed day constitute the ordinary constabulary force for such county.

Transfer of control of Royal Irish Constabulary to a standing joint committee in each county.

(2.) The members of standing joint committee shall be triennially selected and nominated as aforesaid by a special meeting of the justices of the county and by the county council.

(3.) The Lord Lieutenant by Order in Council shall prescribe regulations—

(a.) For the holding triennially of such special meeting of the justices.

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As to county borough and adjoining county being treated as one county

4. In the case of a county borough in which the constabulary force forms portion of the force under the charge of one county 5 inspector for an adjoining county and for such county borough, such county borough shall with the adjoining county form one county for the purposes of this Act, and such county borough and adjoining county shall be entitled to representation on the standing joint committee as nearly as may be proportionate to the number 10 of the constabulary force ordinarily engaged in each, subject to revision at the period of the triennial nomination of the joint committee, and subject to the determination of any dispute by the Lord Lieutenant.

As to county inspectors and district inspectors.

5.—(1.) The county inspectors of the Royal Irish Constabulary 15 (in this Act sometimes denominated and referred to as "the constabulary force") shall from and after the appointed day become the chief constables of the county in which they act, and where two county inspectors act in one county each of them shall become chief constable for the district in which he acts. 20

(2.) The district inspectors of the constabulary force shall from and after the appointed day become superintendents of the districts in which they each respectively act.

Provision as to the tenure and conditions of office of members of constabulary force.

6. The chief constables, superintendents, and other members of the constabulary force in Ireland for the time being shall from 25 and after the appointed day hold their offices by the same tenure and on the same conditions as chief constables, superintendents, and other constables in England and Wales hold their offices respectively under the provisions of the County Police Act, 1839 and 1840, and the County and Borough Police Acts, 1856 and 1859, and other 30 Acts extending or amending the same, but subject to the performance of such duties in reference to the census returns, the collection of statistics, and other like matters as have heretofore been discharged by the Royal Irish Constabulary, and subject also to the provisions as to pay, allowances, pension, superannuation, 35 and compensation herein-after contained in reference to the members of the constabulary force in Ireland who shall be members of such force on both the *thirty-first day of March one thousand nine hundred and one* and the appointed day, herein-after referred to as "the existing officers and men." 40

7. There shall apply to Ireland so much as the Lord Lieutenant by Order in Council declares applicable of the English enactments specified in the Second Schedule to this Act and the enactments amending the same, but so that nevertheless no provision which
 5 is inconsistent with the control of the constabulary force or with the mode of defraying the costs, charges, and expenses thereof as herein enacted shall be deemed to be applicable.

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Application by Order in Council of English enactments.

8. The Lord Lieutenant by Order in Council may make such adaptations of the English enactments specified in the Second
 10 Schedule to this Act as appear to him necessary or expedient for carrying into effect this Act or any Order in Council made thereunder.

Order in Council for adapting English enactments.

9.—(1.) The existing officers and men of the constabulary force shall be entitled to the same pay, allowances, pensions,
 15 superannuation, and compensation as if this Act had not passed, and shall hold their offices by the same tenure and on the same terms and conditions.

Provisions as to existing officers and men of the Royal Irish Constabulary.

(2.) In case the standing joint committee of any county recommends the reduction of the number of the constabulary
 20 force of that county, such reduction shall only take effect with the sanction of the Lord Lieutenant, and any of the existing officers and men affected by such recommendation shall, on ceasing to belong to the constabulary force by reason of such reduction, be entitled to receive a superannuation allowance on the scale and
 25 according to the Acts and rules relating to His Majesty's civil service.

10. The provision contained in section two of the Constabulary (Ireland) Act, 1848, as to the payment of all necessary and reasonable costs, charges, and expenses for and in respect of the
 30 constabulary force is hereby re-enacted, and the same shall be payable in each year to the county council of each county in Ireland and to the council of each such county borough as aforesaid in the share and proportion to which each is respectively entitled, and the sum received shall be placed by each council to the credit
 35 of an account to be called "the Constabulary Fund Account," and it shall be mandatory on such council to defray the costs, charges, and expenses aforesaid out of the sum or sums for the time being to the credit of such account.

Re-enactment of provision as to payment of charges for constabulary and direction as to payment to county and other councils.

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SCHEDULES.FIRST SCHEDULE.

ACTS REFERRED TO.

6 & 7 Will. 4. c. 13.

6 & 7 Will. 4. c. 36.

2 & 3 Vict. c. 75.

9 & 10 Vict. c. 97.

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SECOND SCHEDULE.

ACTS REFERRED TO.

2 & 3 Vict. c. 93.

3 & 4 Vict. c. 88.

19 & 20 Vict. c. 69.

22 & 23 Vict. c. 32.

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